**Gas-Electric Coordination Working Group Charter**

The Gas-Electric Coordination Working Group (GEWG) is a forum to facilitate information sharing and coordination between the gas pipeline industry and the electric utility industry for the purpose of maintaining electric system reliability in the ERCOT Region. Topics may include, but are not limited to, the following: pre-Summer activities and communication readiness (including updated points of contact), consideration of electric system conditions in gas pipeline outage planning, inclusion of gas considerations in system restoration and black start plan development, issues where electric utility industry is dependent upon gas pipeline industry, and appropriate avoidance of gas facilities needed for generation availability in rotating outage plans by Transmission and/or Distribution Service Providers.

The GEWG encourages industry knowledge sharing among participants and their employers, as well as establishing consistent communications channels and points of contact in advance of potential events during which direct communication would improve reliability. The GEWG is not intended to “get in the middle” of any commercial relationships between gas pipelines and suppliers and electric generators.

The GEWG is considered an “Other Group” under Electric Reliability Council of Texas, Inc. (ERCOT) and therefore does not report directly to the ERCOT Board of Directors (ERCOT Board), the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) or any TAC Subcommittee.

**Leadership**

A representative from ERCOT serves as the Chair of the GEWG. The Vice-Chair shall be a representative from a participating gas pipeline company selected by a simple majority vote of participants at the GEWG meeting in which the election is held, for a term of 12 months from January 1 through December 31 (except for the first term which may begin upon election through December 31 of the following year). There are no term limits for the Chair and Vice Chair positions. To the extent a vacancy occurs for the Vice Chair, then an election will be held as needed to fulfill that position at the next GEWG.

**Participation**

Representatives from Transmission and/or Distribution Service Providers (TDSPs), Resource Entities, intrastate and interstate natural gas pipeline operators that directly or indirectly serve electric generation units in the ERCOT Region, and ERCOT should participate in the GEWG. Representatives from the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) and the Railroad Commission of Texas (RRC) are highly encouraged to participate in the GEWG. Representatives from other ERCOT and gas industry stakeholders and regulatory entities may also participate.

**Meetings**

GEWG meetings are open to all interested parties. Meetings are called by the Chair and held two times a year (one in the Spring and one in the Fall) or as necessary to achieve any objectives. Notice shall be sent to the GEWG email distribution list and posted to the ERCOT website ([www.ercot.com](http://www.ercot.com)) at least one week prior to the meeting. The Chair or the Vice-Chair shall preside at all meetings and are responsible for preparation of the agendas which will be posted to the ERCOT website in advance of the meeting. Information presented at GEWG meetings will be posted on the ERCOT website as authorized by the GEWG Chair and the author of the document.

The GEWG Chair may create subgroups to discuss specific details of any topic that includes confidential information, such as Critical Energy Infrastructure Information (CEII). All subgroup meetings are in closed session and limited to individuals necessary to achieve the purpose of the subgroup. The GEWG Chair is responsible for determining who may attend a closed session of a subgroup meeting. Subgroups are not subject to the meeting requirements of the GEWG as a whole.

Upon inception of the GEWG, the GEWG Chair creates the Black Start Gas Coordination Subgroup which supersedes and replaces the Black Start Gas Coordination Working Group (BSGCWG).

Any individual participating in a subgroup must have a current ERCOT GEWG Subgroup Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA) on file with ERCOT Legal. A current version of the ERCOT GEWG Subgroup NDA is located under “Key Documents” on the GEWG page of the ERCOT website.

ERCOT Legal maintains a list of Entities who have signed the ERCOT GEWG Subgroup NDA and will coordinate with the GEWG Chair and Vice Chair regarding closed session subgroup meetings.

**Charter Review**

This Charter will be reviewed every two years, or as needed, by a team of participants selected by the GEWG Chair. Changes to the Charter become effective upon consensus of the participants at the GEWG and upon ERCOT Legal review.